GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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PROMOTION OF INDIAN SYSTEM OF MEDICINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to popularize the Indian System of Medicine in the Government hospital in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the extent to which the additional funds and facilities are being provided to various Government Hospitals to encourage Unani/Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic System of Medicine?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Though primarily health is a State subject, and `a huge ISM & H infrastructure is available under the State Governments and Private Sector, the following ISM & H treatment outlets under the purview of various central Ministries/Departments are also available.

81 CGHS dispensaries spread over 15 cities in 10 States; hospitals attached to National Institutes, 156 dispensaries & patient care centres under Central Research Councils of ISM & H; 162 Railway dispensaries run with Staff Benefit Fund; 159 dispensaries under Ministry of Labour; ;and 28 dispensaries under Ministry of Coal.

In order to supplement these facilities, the Central Government intends to implement two schemes during the 10th Plan with budgetary outlays of Rs. 59.00 Crores and Rs. 28.04 Crores respectively for encouraging establishment of ISM & H treatment facilities in allopathic hospitals including district hospitals; and for expansion & strengthening of such facilities.